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SUBJECT: TFI01: KUWAIT SITREP NO. 58

REF: KUWAIT 01474 AND PREVIOUS

1. SITREP NO. 58 AS OF 1800 HOURS LOCAL, 1100 HOURS WASHINGTON TIME APRIL 17, 2003.

2. EVENTS SINCE LAST SITREP (all reported times are Kuwait Local, GMT plus three):

Security/Military

NTSR

Political

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Consular

AMCIT Janeil Hantuli reported a sexual harassment incident that occurred outside her home this morning involving a Kuwaiti male. Ms. Hantuli informed Watch Officer that she and her husband contacted the police and will press charges against the Kuwaiti male involved in the incident with the Fintas Police Department. The Kuwaiti male is now in police custody. Watch Officer provided Ms. Hantuli with a List of Attorneys in Kuwait in the event that she wished to seek legal counsel in the matter.

AMCIT Tie Sosnowski of Futura Media arrived at Kuwait International Airport this morning without a Kuwaiti visa or local sponsor. Watch Officer informed Mr. Sosnowski that the U.S. Embassy was not/not Mr. Sosnowski's sponsor and that Kuwaiti immigration authorities must make the determination as to whether or not to issue Mr. Sosnowski a visa at the airport. The Kuwaiti Immigration official on duty at the airport asked Watch Officer if the U.S. Embassy could provide a letter requesting issuance of a visa for the AMCIT. Watch Officer explained to Kuwaiti immigration official that the U.S. Embassy could not/not provide such a letter.

AMCIT Wauleed Khalid Sultan Al-Essa requested issuance of an emergency replacement passport for urgent travel to Saudi Arabia with his terminally ill AMCIT son. His son was scheduled to undergo emergency treatment in Riyadh. Mr. Al-Essa claimed he lost his previous U.S. passport at home. Watch Officer informed Mr. Al-Essa of U.S. passport application requirements, faxed him the relevant passport application forms and suggested that he come to the Consular Section to apply today (weekend) since it was an emergency situation. Mr. Al-Essa subsequently found his previous U.S. passport and informed Ops Center.

NBC News Kuwait Office requested information about whether U.S. Representative Chris Shay (CT) was still in Kuwait on an official visit. Watch Officer contacted POL Officer, who informed Watch Officer that Rep. Shay had already departed Kuwait. Watch Officer provided this information to NBC News Kuwait Office.

French national Keren Lentschner of Le Figaro in Paris requested a 10-15 minute telephone interview with Ambassador Margaret Tutweiler, former U.S. Ambassador to Morocco, to discuss her new role in Iraqi reconstruction. Watch Officer referred her to ORHA at the Hilton Hotel and suggested she contact ORHA directly regarding her interview request.

AMCIT Joe Stewart, a civilian contractor working for the U.S. military in Kuwait, requested information on future USAID infrastructure programs in Iraq. Watch Officer referred Mr. Stewart to appropriate contact in Kuwait and suggested he also consult the USAID web-site for more

information on specific USAID programs and activities in Iraq.

Embassy Istanbul informed Ops Center that an AMCIT seaman would be arriving in Kuwait next week and would be requesting an emergency replacement passport for urgent onward travel. Watch Officer noted the name and details of the AMCIT seaman for the Consular Section.

Management

NTSR

Public Affairs

NTSR

13. COMMENTS: None

14. STATUS OF PENDING REQUESTS: N/A.

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